



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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December 29, 2011

MRS. SUSAN G. RIGGS, TREASURER
NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY POLITICAL
ACTION COMMITTEE (NEWFIELD PAC)
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY, E., SUITE 2020
HOUSTON, TX 77060

Response Due Date
02/02/2012

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00443523

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2011 - 09/30/2011)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission that the reports you have filed during the current election cycle do not reflect the appropriate coverage dates for quarterly filing status. Please be advised of the filing dates and coverage periods for the 2011-2012 election cycle and fill in the appropriate dates on Line 5 of the Summary Page. (U.S.C. 434(A) and 11 CFR §104.5(a))

2. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of

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the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1177.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Jones", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Jones
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

2011-2012 Coverage Periods and Filing Dates - Quarterly Filers

Report Type	Coverage Type	Due Dates
Mid Year	1/1/11-6/30/11	July 31, 2011
Year End	7/1/11-12/31/11	January 31, 2012
April Quarterly	1/1/12-3/31/12	April 15, 2012
July Quarterly	4/1/12-6/30/12	July 15, 2012
October Quarterly	7/1/12-9/30/12	October 15, 2012
12 Day Pre General	10/1/12-10/17/12	October 25, 2012
30 Day Post General	10/18/12-11/26/12	December 6, 2012
Year End	11/27/12-12/31/12	January 31, 2013

Excessive Contribution to a Committee/Candidate
Newfield Exploration Company Political Action Committee (C00443523)

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
FRIENDS OF JIM INHOFE COMMITTEE	8/26/10	\$2,000.00	*G2012	2010 October Quarterly
FRIENDS OF JIM INHOFE COMMITTEE	4/18/11	\$2,500.00	G2012	2011 Mid-Year
FRIENDS OF JIM INHOFE COMMITTEE	8/2/11	\$2,500.00	G2012	2011 October Quarterly
FRIENDS OF JOHN BOEHNER	9/15/11	\$10,000.00	G2012	2011 October Quarterly
*Schedule B of your report discloses this contribution as designated to the 2010 General election; however, this candidate did not participate in a General election in 2010. Therefore, this contribution has been attributed to the next scheduled Federal election for this candidate, the 2012 General (11 CFR §110.2(b)(ii)).				